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For: METHOD OF DETECTING RELATIVE) April 29, 2005
POSITION OF EXPOSURE MASK AND)
OBJECT TO BE EXPOSED, ALIGNMENT)
METHOD, AND EXPOSURE METHOD)
USING THE SAME)

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U.S. Patent No. 6,171,730 is discussed on page 3 of the subject specification.

U.S. Patent No. 6,252,649 is discussed on pages 4-6 of the subject specification.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,334,466, 6,171,730 B1, 6,212,252 B1, and 6,252,649 B1, and European Patent No. EP 1 150 162 A2 were cited in an International Search Report dated January 27, 2005, which was mailed on February 14, 2005, from the European Patent Office in International Application No. PCT/JP2004/006696. A copy of the International

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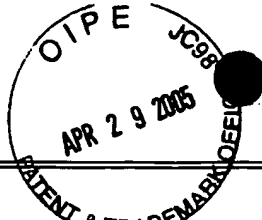
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